

MINUTES

The Pine Bluff City Council met for a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m.

April 16, 2007 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Redus called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Donald Agee, Pastor of the New Morning Star Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Redus.

Roll Call – Answering present were Alderwoman Holcomb, Aldermen Brumett, Smith, Easterly, Alderwoman Roberts, Alderman Stepps, Alderwoman Walker and Alderman Boyd.

Approval of Minutes – Alderwoman Roberts moved for approval of the minutes from the April 2, 2007 meeting, seconded by Alderman Smith and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Holcomb Chairperson of the Ordinances and Resolutions Committee Reported; the committee met prior to the Pine Bluff City Council meeting and recommended taking the following actions on the agenda:

Item No. 1 up for the 3rd and final reading

Item No. 2 up for the 1st reading

Items No. 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8 will be completed.

Item No. 5 was pulled by the sponsor

Alderman Brumett, Chairperson of the Ways & Means Committee reported; the committee met prior to this meeting and we have three budget adjustments the first one is, the Pine Bluff Commercial is putting together a promotion called Spot Light On the Positive, and it's to promote good things that's going on in Pine Bluff and we want to support that. The committee recommended that the City purchase a half page ad up to \$950.00. Alderman Brumett moved to authorize up to \$950.00 from the undesignated fund balance to pay for this, seconded by Alderwoman Holcomb and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderman Brumett stated, the next budget adjustment is from the City Collector's Office, the requested is for \$1,025.00, reason required is to move amounts between line items to cover cost of HP4250 laser printer for the City Collector department. Alderman Brumett moved to accept the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

We also have an adjustment from the Cost of Operating Household Waste Program, not covered by Federal Grant for \$2,400.00 in the General Fund. The \$2,400.00 is to be moved from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the

Household Waste Grant City Match a total of \$2,400.00. Alderman Brumett moved to accept the budget adjustment, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderman Brumett moved to pay the bills owed by the city, seconded by Alderman Easterly and the motion carried 8-0.

Alderwoman Roberts, Chairperson of Community Development Committee reported;

Alderwoman Walker, Chairman of Public Health & Welfare Committee reported; no report

Alderman Smith, Chairperson for Public Works Committee reported; no report

Alderman Stepps, Chairman of Development and Planning Committee reported; the committee met 4/13/07 and we're asking for a due pass on agenda item number four. Also we had a Mr. Harvey Miles to attend the meeting and he's complaining about having to pay two taxes to both White Hall and Pine Bluff. Alan Skinner was asked to address the issue after which it was recommended that a resolution be prepared to clear up this issue.

Alderman Boyd Chairman of the Traffic and Aviation Committee

reported; the committee will meet 4/25/07 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference room.

Alderman Easterly, Chairman of Administration Committee

reported; no report

Alderwoman Holcomb, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee

reported; the committee met April 9, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. and the purpose of the meeting was to bring ideals about not abolishing the Civil Service Commission and to view ideas from both the Fire and Police Departments.

(1) AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, AND RELATED PURPOSES (up for the 3rd and final reading) was read by the Assistant City Attorney. Alderwoman

Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Stepps and after a roll call the vote was 5 yes which were Alderwoman Holcomb,

Alderwoman Roberts, Alderman Stepps, Alderwoman Walker and Alderman Boyd. Voting no were Aldermen Brumett, Smith and Easterly.

And the motion carried 5-3.

(2) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PINE BLUFF UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES CODE REPEALING ANY OTHER

ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(up for the 1st reading) was read by the Assistant City Attorney and referred to the Public Safety Committee. Alderwoman Holcomb stated the committee will meet May 7, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

(3) A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE THE PINE BLUFF CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY COUNCIL was tabled by the sponsor.

(4) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY TO WILLIE AND BEATRICE WEBSTER (PARCEL NO. 930-18257-000) was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.

(5) A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO LEASE NEW VEHICLES AND ACQUIRE EQUIPMENT, was pulled by the sponsor.

(6) A RESOLUTION RENAMING THE LAKE PINE BLUFF LANDING PARK AND NAMING A CERTAIN ROADWAY AS LAKE SARACEN DRIVE was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

(7) A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE SILVER DAY PROGRAM was heard, Alderwoman Holcomb moved for adoption, seconded by Alderwoman Roberts and the motion carried 8-0.

(8) A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN HOUSES, BUILDINGS AND/OR STRUCTURES AS NUISANCES AND ORDERING THEIR ABATEMENT was heard, Alderman Easterly moved for adoption, seconded by Brumett and the motion carried 8-0..

Announcements

Mayor Redus presented a proclamation to the City Clerk in recognition of Municipal Clerk's Week.

Mayor Redus announced the character trait for the month of April "Cautiousness"

Alderman Brumett moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Stepps and the motion carried 8-0.

Meeting adjourned

No further business

All other comments